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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I thank you for the courtesy of responding to the article that Mr. Lewthwaite forward to you, pertaining to the Garcano rifle used in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

My letter to Mr. Lewthwaite with a copy of my article, that appeared in the York Dispatch was not intended to change any of your pre-conceived private thoughts that you might have about the assassination, - nor do I have any knowledge of the assassination. I concur with you, - which is in common with most people, - "I know nothing of the JFK assassination!" Perhaps, I misunderstood the intent of the quotation in the article, that states, "I don't theorize conspiracies, I don't theorize solutions."

My theory of Oswald being the only one involved in the shooting is based purely on logic. The logic is that if "Harvey Oswald had been been delegated to assassinate the president, he would have been given the most sophisticated weapon available! The ammo used was not the soft-nose ammo, as is used in target game hunting. It had to be the military steel or bronze jacket bullet. The reason or logic is that a soft-nose bullet, in exiting would have destroyed the lower portion of the President's face at the angle of declination. In the movie JFK a model of the president's body was used. A manikin of the president's head showed where the bullet had exited, and it was below the Adam's apple, and not more than 1/2 inch in diameter. The ammo that I used in sighting-in the Garcano which I mentioned in the unedited text of my article came with the purchase of the rifle, - and it was a bronze shell bullet.

The feat of Oswald's marksmanship was not such a great feat, - even for a "duffer". A going away target, - a slow moving vehicle, - and a short distance!

The mounting of a scope is a practical possibility for any bolt-operated rifle. In the movie JFK, - the FBI experts who tested the rifle for duplicating the speed of the 3 shots heard in 4.6 seconds, were shooting standing or off hand, which makes it more difficult to keep the eye on the target.

Oswald shooting from the window-sill, was kneeling or sitting, with hooks on the window-sill for a comfortable elevation, with his left hand beneath the forearm of the rifle, for follow-through shooting and easier operation of the bolt!

Bore-sighting is the most practical elementary method of sighting-in a scope, - because if the cross-hairs of the scope co-incides with the target that is observed through the bore, - that is exactly where the bullet is going to strike!

The actual shooting at the range, will refine the windage and the power of the loads, and the initial flinching that has to be overcome for further accuracy.

I am not an expert, - just a member of the York Rifleman and the NRA. My only knowledge of the Garcano rifle is through the experience that I related in the text of the article that is in your possession. However, knowing your dedication to the research, I know that you will continue to amass more facts, until one day we will have all the pieces to the controversial jir-saw puzzle!

I would like to have you come to York, and go to the York Rifleman's range and observe the shooting of the running mechanical deer the week of Sunday prior to the opening of deer season.

The deer is a life-size buck that is run on a cable at 100 yards, is manually operated from a pit, at the speed of approximately 35 miles per hour. A man in a booth behind the firing line receives the actual scoring of the shots on the deer target that is sectioned off with numbers like a road map. The deer target is drawn back and the scoring is tabulated and relayed by telephone to the man in the booth who duplicates the scoring on a chart of paper similar to the large deer and given to the shooter, so he will know how poorly or how good he is shooting or perhaps he will know that he is not properly leading the running deer which will help him in actual hunting. The running distance is about 50 yards, and I have seen some shooters put 3 shots in less than 4.6 seconds. You will see all kinds of rifles, bolt operated, lever action, iron sights, scopes, hand guns, with and without scopes.

The schedule if not changed, will fall on November 22, - which is the anniversary of John F. Kennedy Assassination.

My wife Barbara and I would like to have you and Mrs. Weisberg for dinner on that Sunday, and if you could get here by 12:00 O'clock, you and I could go to the rifle range and observe. It is open to the public, and just observe how fast a bolt operated rifle can be fired, with a scope and without a scope and just take notes. No one will know who you are, no introductions, just my friend from Maryland. You can stay one or one and one half hour, and then come back home for dinner. My wife Barbara will keep Mrs. Weisberg company until we get back, - she is a good 'Gossip-Chat' from Baltimore, MD. Frederick, MD is just a nice drive to York.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Weisberg accept the invitation and we will be honored to have you.

Please respond:

Yours Truly,

